

# **Virginia Police Canine Association**

## **Iron Dog Competition**

### **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Location:** Great Meadows, Fauquier County

**Time:** Check in starts at 0800 hours, Course opens at 0900 hours

**Event Sponsors:** V.P.C.A., Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, Professional Canine Services Inc. and The Great Meadow Foundation

**Course:**

1. **Area Search:** Will consist of decoy hiding in a barn like structure and must be found by K-9 with a physical apprehension of the decoy in a full bite suit.
2. **Narcotic or Explosive Find:** K-9 must alert to the proper location of the hidden item.
3. **Lift:** The K-9 must clear the top of a three board fence by whatever means deemed by the handler.
4. **Gun Battle with Cover/Concealment:** Handler must get air soft gun and eye protection from the official. Handler must hit the target designated by the official while maintaining control of the K-9.
5. **Muzzle Work:** Handler must put a muzzle on the K-9 and crawl through the tunnel with the handler.
6. **Agility:** Will consist of several small jumps and the tunnel.
7. **Article Search:** K-9 must successfully retrieve/indicate to the handler the article.
8. **Distracter Area:** Dog must remain attentive while passing a field and a pond with animals present.
9. **Apprehension:** When instructed by the official the handler will have the K-9 apprehend a decoy wearing a full bite suit.
10. **Vehicle Narcotic/Explosive Find:** K-9 must alert to proper location of the hidden item.
11. **Finish:** Once the handler and K-9 have completed all stations they will run into a specified area and command the dog into a sit or down command for completion of the course.

There will be a field official at each of the above stations. You may not proceed to the next station until the official has sent you.

Registration is \$25 for members of the V.P.C.A. and \$50 for non-members. This includes course run, "Iron Dog Competition" t-shirt and lunch. Awards will be given in various areas and for the "Iron Dog" once all teams have completed the course. Deadline for registration is April 30, 2009. Registration is limited to the first 50 teams. Checks need to be made payable to the V.P.C.A. and mailed with the registration form to:

Beth Healy c/o The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office  
78 West Lee Street, Warrenton, VA 20186

If you have questions regarding competition information or registration, contact Beth Healy at (540)349-2256.

**Iron Dog Competition Rules**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Great Meadow**

For each station listed below the following penalties will be in effect.

1. Area Search: 3 minute penalty for not locating the hide.
2. Narcotic or Explosive Find: 3 minute penalty for calling the wrong hide.
3. Lift: 3 minute penalty for using the gate.
4. Gun Battle with Cover/Concealment: 2 shots each at 2 targets from 10 yards with both strong and weak hand, must hit each target once or take 30 second penalty on each. 3 minute penalty for not attempting station.
5. Muzzle Work: 1 minute to put muzzle on the dog, if cannot complete in specified time move to next station and get 3 minute penalty. If you get the muzzle on the dog and cannot get the dog through the tunnel within 1 minute, take 2 minute penalty and move to next station.
6. Agility: If you cannot complete the station you will receive a 3 minute penalty.
7. Article Search: One article to be found in one minute or move to next station. Handler must remain out of designated area.
8. Distracter Area:
9. Apprehension:
10. Vehicle Narcotic/Explosive Find: 3 minute penalty for calling the inappropriate hide.
11. Finish: Dog must be in a neutral position, either a sit or a down for the watch to stop.

Required Duty Equipment: E-Collars and Pinch Collars are permissible  
Must wear duty boots  
Duty belt not required, but must have muzzle and lead

Disqualifications: Wearing of tennis shoes  
Lack of proper control over K-9  
K-9 biting of anyone but the decoys  
No firearms or weapons

\*All contestants must be a current law enforcement employee certified as a K-9 team to participate.

Course Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Completion Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_